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Department of Home

Home—General Division

Office of the District Magistrate, South Goa District

Order

No. 38/12/2002-MAG/3111

Under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973

To,

The Public Generally,

Whereas, an announcement has been made by the Election Commission of India, New Delhi, to hold the elections to the Goa State Legislative Assembly on 30-5-2002 and directions have been given to ensure free, fair and peaceful elections;

Whereas, in my considered opinion there is sufficient ground for proceeding under sub-section (1) of Section 144 of Criminal Procedure Code, 1973, to impose ban for carrying of all types fire arms and other lethal weapons to ensure free, fair, peaceful and orderly conduct of the election process and to prevent annoyance or injury or danger to human life and safety

and disturbance of public tranquility or riot or any affray, during the electioneering;

And, Whereas, I am satisfied that the circumstances do not admit of serving in due time of the notices individually;

Now, Therefore, I, D. C. Sahoo, District Magistrate, South Goa District, Margao in exercise of the powers vested in me under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, do hereby prohibit the carrying of all type of firearms ammunition, lethal weapons, in any public place, street, road, square, thoroughfare, by-lane, or in any open place in the entire District of South Goa with immediate effect till 4th June, 2002.

However, the above restrictions shall not apply to public servants/police/defence personnel and security personnel on duty and to those members of the community who are entitled to display weapons by long standing Law, custom and usage, unless they are found to be indulging in violence or posing a threat to the maintenance of Law and Order and peaceful conduct of elections.

Given under my hand and seal of this office on this 29th day of April, 2002.

D. C. SAHOO,
District Magistrate,
South Goa District, Margao.